Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 04 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 05 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 03 Jan 2023 at 11:23 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for changeable weather over the next few days, low for the details.

Headline for Wednesday 04 Jan 2023: Sunny spells and showers, most frequent across Jura and Arran.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 04 Jan 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Medium Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Sleet	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sleet	Sleet
Precipitation probability							
80%	70%	50%	10%	10%	20%	30%	40%

Forecast for Wednesday 04 Jan 2023

Weather: Outbreaks of rain clearing later in the night with some clear spells developing. A bright day will follow with scattered showers, these heaviest and most frequent across Jura and Arran, with the best of the sunshine across northern Argyll and Lochaber. Snow level around 900-1000 m. Showers edging further north during the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% becoming 70% across northern ranges during the day.

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud, bases 300-500 m, becoming patchy during the morning with bases lifting 600-800 m, but deteriorating rapidly in the showers with moderate or poor visibilities.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	31/36 S	29/34 SW	26/32 W	22/28 W	20/27 W	19/25 SW	19/25 W	19/24 W	18/24 SW
900	18/23 S	16/21 SW	18/23 W	16/22 W	15/22 W	14/20 W	13/19 W	13/18 W	11/17 SW
600	15/19 E	19/24 SE	17/22 W	14/19 SW	14/20 SW	12/18 SW	12/17 W	11/16 SW	10/15 SW
300	8/12 E	11/16 E	11/18 W	7/13 SW	8/14 SW	7/13 SW	6/11 SW	6/11 SW	5/10 SW
Glen	3/10 SW	7/15 SE	12/24 W	8/20 W	5/14 W	6/14 SW	6/13 W	6/12 W	3/8 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	1/-6	0/-6	-1/-8	-2/-9	-2/-8	-1/-8	-2/-8	-2/-9	-2/-9
900	2/-4	2/-3	1/-5	0/-5	1/-4	1/-4	1/-4	0/-4	0/-4
600	5/1	4/-0	3/-2	2/-2	3/-1	3/-1	3/-1	3/-1	2/-1
300	6/4	6/3	5/2	5/2	6/3	6/3	6/3	5/3	4/2
Glen	6/4	7/5	7/4	6/4	7/6	7/6	7/5	6/4	5/4
Freezing Level*	1800m	1600m	1200m	900m	1000m	1000m	1000m	900m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Wet underfoot conditions with swollen rivers from heavy overnight rain and thawing snow.

Forecast for Thursday 05 Jan 2023
Weather: Overnight showers giving way to outbreaks of rain during the day, which will become heavy and persistent with snow continuing to thaw over the summits.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 20 gust 30 mph increasing 30 gust 50 mph later.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10%

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud forming in the rain above 300-500 metres with poor visibilities

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 rising to plus 9 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius
Freezing level: 1200 m rising above the summits.

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